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GOOD-BYE,

OLD SOUTH,

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I

HARK! Listen to the Old South Bell,
'Tis bidding you a fond farewell.
The slender fingers long did trace
The time around the old clock's face.

II

The crowd, in passing, waits to hear
The Bell ring out in accents clear:
"The living to the church I call,
And to the grave I summon all!"

III

In listening to the old Bell's tone
I seem to stand like one alone,
And see through slowly falling tears
The visions of departed years.

IV

Not long the Old South's face we'll see,
For with the dead it soon will be;
But we will never fail to tell
The Christ-like work it did so well.

V

As in the presence of the dead
In silent prayer I bow my head,
For still is heard the Old South Bell,
'Tis tolling now its funeral knell.

VI

The night wind sighing through the trees
Stirs solemnly the tender leaves
As if they, too, would shed a tear
Upon the Old South's somber bier.

VII

The clouds drift gently over-head
As if to shroud the long-loved dead;
For stranger hands have rudely torn
The sacred form it long has worn.

VIII

Good-bye! Good-bye, my dear old friend,
With you, too, life must have an end.
Again we bow our heads in prayer
And sobs and sighing fill the air.

—ANNIE I. KNOWLTON.

IN MEMORY
of
REV. THADDEUS MACCARTY

for Thirty-Seven Years
Pastor
of the church in Worcester.
Through the Course of his Ministry,
He uniformly exhibited an example
of the peaceable and amiable virtue of Christianity.
Under a Slow and painful Decline,
He discovered an ardent Love to his Master,
by a cheerful attention to his Service,
and at the approach of Death,
he painfully submitted
in the full hope
of a glorious Resurrection from the Grave.

In Testimony of his Fidelity
this Tablet is erected.

Born in Boston, 1721,
Died at Worcester, July 20, 1784.

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